

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 16-26 were pending in the above-identified application when last examined. In the Office Action dated June 1, 2005, claims 18-26 were allowed, and claims 1-9, 16, and 17 were rejected. The rejection was made final.

Applicants request entry of the above amendment to the claims, which cancels the rejected claims and places the application in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth below.

Claims 1, 3-9, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,981,945 (Spaeth). Claims 1, 3-9, and 17 are canceled.

Claims 2 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Spaeth in view of U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2003/0160256 (Durocher). Claims 2 and 16 are canceled.

In view of the above amendment, only allowed claims 18-26 remain in the application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the final rejection and allowance of the application including claims 18-26.

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